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National Committee on the Aging Launches New Visual Aids Program

The National Committee on the Aging, a standing committee of the National Social Welfare Assembly, 345 E. 46th St., New York 17, N. Y., has completed its plans and begun production of the first of five audio-visual programs around the central theme, *Preparation for the Later Years*. Completion of the whole series is expected to take about two years.

Each of the five programs will consist of a 30-minute sound film with accompanying film strips, discussion guides, and other literature. The films and film strips will be produced by Dynamic Films, Inc., of New York City. In 1955, the National Committee on the Aging and Dynamic Films collaborated in the production of *A Place to Live*, a film on institutional care which has been seen by an estimated 18 million people and has received 12 major festival awards.

The first program, to be produced this summer, will be a general introduction to the problems of retirement with special emphasis on individual advance planning and on ways of maintaining financial independence. The remaining programs will deal with physical and mental health, spiritual well-being, work and leisure time, housing and living arrangements, gradual retirement, and self-employment. Each program, although integrated into the series, will be designed for possible use as an independent unit.

An Advisory Committee will plan overall objectives, supervise content, and act as resource consultant. Technical subcommittees will be appointed to supervise each film and approve the script. Active laymen, experts, members of various professional and economic groups, and community leaders will be asked to contribute ideas and to suggest needs to be met. The National Association for Mental Health will cooperate in the planning of the whole series.

The White House Conference—VIII



Plans for the National Leadership Training Institute for the White House Conference, to be held June 24-26 at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, are being pushed to conclusion. As of the beginning of May, the program

contained the following:

June 24th

11:30 a.m.: Registration.

2:00 p.m.: General Session—*The White House Conference on Aging*. Chairman: William Fitch. Welcome: Governor G. Mennen Williams. *The Philosophy of the White House Conference*: Under Secretary of HEW Bertha Adkins. *The White House Conference Plans*: National Advisory Committee Chairman Robert Kean. *Orientation to the National Leadership Training Institute*: Staff Director William Fitch. Buzz Groups. Question Period.

8:00 p.m.: Film Showing. Chairman: Herman B. Brothman.

June 25th

9:00 a.m.: General Session—*Fact Finding and Reporting in States and Communities*. Chairman: Assistant Secretary of Labor Newell Brown. *Guide to State and Community Surveys on Aging*: Clark Tibbitts. *State Reports to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare*: Theodore Dorman. *Handbook of Programs of National Voluntary Organizations*: Esther Stamats.

10:30 a.m.: *State Surveys and Reports* (Identical Work Groups).

1:30 p.m.: *White House Conference Responsibilities* (Functional Work Groups).

6:30 p.m.: Institute Dinner. Chairman: Dean Harold M. Dorr. Address: Secretary of HEW Arthur Flemming. *Achieving Effective Public Relations*: Panel Moderator—Ludwig Caminita;

Radio-TV—Theodore Koop; Press-Magazine representatives. Question Period.

June 26th

9:00 a.m.: General Session—*Making Effective Use of Resources in the Community*. Chairman: Mrs. Donald Schell. Case Study: *Albany—A Community in Progress*: Dr. Raymond Harris. Question Period: Moderator—David Jeffreys; Questioners—Elizabeth Jones, Evelyn Cummins, Rev. Wesley Nicholson, J. Floyd Harrison; Responders—Walter M. Beattie, Jr., Beverly Diamond, Mrs. Grace Fassler, Bernard Nash.

10:30 a.m.: *Resources for Action and Conference Planning* (Regional Work Groups).

12:30 p.m.: Institute Luncheon. Chairman: Dr. Wilma Donahue. *Conference Feedbacks*: Panel Questioners—Clark Tibbitts, Sidney Spector; Responders—John Barclay, Mrs. Geneva Mathiasen, Mrs. Annie May Pemberton, Prof. Irving Weber, Dr. George Davis, Prof. Arnold Rose, Herbert Shore, Guy Justis, Mrs. A. M. G. Russell.

2:30 p.m.: General Session—*Conferences: Techniques and Evaluation*. Chairman: Mrs. Mary Mulvey. Address: Dr. Howard McClusky. Closure: William Fitch.

4:00 p.m.: Adjournment.

For further information, registration and reservation forms, etc.: Special Staff on Aging, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.

New Exhibit

The exhibit on the White House Conference on Aging had its first public showing at the National Conference on Social Welfare, May 24-29, in San Francisco. This free-standing exhibit, featuring the objectives and the expected local, State, and National participation, is approximately 20 feet long and 2 feet in depth and stands eight feet high. A display table, 2 feet by 6 feet with 1-foot slanting racks on the long sides, is placed at right angles to the exhibit with the table's left side even with the left edge of the exhibit.

The table also supports 4 movable flood lights which are focused on the exhibit. Two electrical outlets are required—one which can supply at least 1,800 watts and the other 600 watts (both for 110-120 volts). The exhibit, the table, and 4 chairs are shipped in 5 large wooden packing cases. A crew of at least 2 men is required to unpack and assemble as well as to disassemble and repack the exhibit. This crew must be supplied by the organization requesting the exhibit.

Requests for the display of the exhibit at National or statewide meetings of at least several days duration should be addressed to the Special Staff on Aging, Department of Health, Educa-

tion, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C. Requests for bookings should be made as far in advance as possible and should include complete information on the purpose of the conference, the number and general kinds of people who will attend, and any comments that would be helpful in determining the kinds of publications that might be made available for distribution.

(Ed. Note: See *Aging* 54, p. 6, for a description of the 8-foot table-top exhibit on *Enriching the Added Years*, available through the nearest District Office of the Social Security Administration.)

Further Plans for Chautauqua

In addition to the preliminary plans already announced (*Aging* 55, p. 3), the Chautauqua Association and the D/HEW Special Staff on Aging have developed additional programs for the opening week (July 5-11) Summer Program to be devoted to *Aging With A Future*.

The program has been extended an additional day (Saturday, July 11) which will celebrate "Senior Citizens Day". A special all-day series of events, including music, presentation of a radio personality, and a public interview of six senior citizens, will be presented for the members of all senior citizen and golden age clubs from a 100-mile radius.

Morning lecturers now include: Dr. Edward Bortz, former President of the American Medical Association and now with the Lankenau Hospital; Dr. John McConnell, Cornell University; and Hon. Robert Kean, Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on the White House Conference.

Films will be shown each evening, with Tuesday reserved for a professional-cast presentation of the play, *The Room Upstairs*, and a showing of the film, *Such A Busy Day Tomorrow*. The week's activities will be covered by the national news media and by a number of national magazines.

Among the exhibits will be the two prepared by the Special Staff on Aging (see just above). The Special Staff on Aging will also maintain an information booth during the whole week.

For further information, write to Dr. Ralph McCallister, Program Director, Chautauqua Association, Lake Chautauqua, N. Y.

Governors' Designees

As of the beginning of May, 30 Governors have designated, or have indicated they will designate, specific State officials or agencies to be responsible for the preparations for, and participation in, the White House Conference, as follows:

Alabama: Commissioner of Department of Pensions and Security.

Arizona: Committee on the White House Conference on Aging (Mrs. Donald E. Schell, Chairman; remaining members to be appointed).

California: Citizens Advisory Committee on Aging.

Connecticut: Commission on Services for Elderly

Persons (a Committee on the White House Conference on Aging is to be appointed; the Commission will then become the advisory body).

Florida: Executive Director of the Florida Development Commission.

Georgia: Interdepartmental Council on Gerontology (see "News of State Commissions").

Illinois: Directors of the Departments of Public Welfare and of Public Health, and the Executive Secretary of the Public Aid Commission.

Indiana: Commission on the Aging and Aged.

Kentucky: Citizens Advisory Commission on Aging.

Louisiana: Commission on the Aging.

Maryland: Commission on Aging.

Massachusetts: Council for the Aging.

Michigan: Temporary Preparatory Commission for the White House Conference on Aging (see "News of State Commissions").

Minnesota: White House Planning Committee of the Governor's Citizens Council on Aging.

Mississippi: Council on the Aging (organized unofficially, "recognized" by the 1958 Legislature).

Montana: Committee on Aging (Mr. R. B. Richardson, Chairman; remaining members to be appointed).

New Hampshire: Council on Problems of Aging.

New Jersey: Division of the Aging, Department of Health.

Ohio: Governor's Commission on Aging (Mrs. James Fain, Chairman; remaining members to be appointed).

Oklahoma: President, University of Oklahoma.

Oregon: Council on Aging.

Pennsylvania: Department of Public Welfare and Governor's Committee on the Aging (see "News of State Commissions").

Puerto Rico: Secretary of Health.

Rhode Island: Division of Aging, Executive Department.

Tennessee: Program Coordinating Section, Finance and Administration Division.

Utah: Committee on Aging.

Virgin Islands: The Commissioner and the Board of Social Welfare.

Virginia: Commission on the Aging.

Washington: Governor's Council on Aging.

West Virginia: Commission on Problems of the Aging.

Conferences and Courses

The University of Michigan's *12th Annual Conference on Aging* (*Aging* 51, p. 4; 54, 3) will be held June 22-24 at Ann Arbor. Conference theme will be "Designs for Retirement" and will be covered in 5 sections: Health, housing, financing, preparation, and use of leisure. For details: Dr. Wilma Donahue, Institute of Gerontology, 1510 Rackham Bldg., Ann Arbor, Mich.

The annual conference of the American Library Association, to be held the week beginning June 22 in Washington, D. C., will feature an *Institute on Library Service to an Aging Population*, with separate sessions each morning from Monday through Friday. The Institute, designed to help librarians recognize and define their responsibilities in serving the aging and aged, will present discussions by authorities in the fields of income and employment, health, housing, and "successful aging", with librarians commenting on the implications for library service.

The Institute will be opened by HEW Under Secretary Bertha Adkins. Other speakers include: Ollie Randall, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee on the Aging; Charles Odell, Director of the United Automobile Workers' Retired Workers Department, and Seymour Wolfbein, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of Labor. For details: Miss Eleanor Phinney, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill.

The Pennsylvania Governor's Conference on *Employment Skills* will be held June 11-12 at the Penn Harris Hotel in Harrisburg. The conference, primarily devoted to training needs, will deal with the older worker as one of the sources of manpower and as one of the special problems among the unemployed. For further information: Mr. Joseph H. Sabel, Deputy Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry, Harrisburg, Pa.

The *3rd Annual National Convention of Golden Age and Senior Citizens Clubs* will take place June 10-13 in Lakeland, Fla., with an expected attendance of about 5,000. Many clubs throughout the country are planning to charter buses to attend the convention as a group. Plans for a national membership organization of senior citizens will be presented in accordance with the 1958 convention's decision. General Chairman: J. G. Cunningham, P. O. Box 2391, Lakeland, Fla.

For the Record!

We are informed that Carroll Manor, 4922 La Salle Road, Hyattsville, Md., the combined nursing home and home for the aged operated by the Carmelite Sisters, whose house organ, *The Carrollette*, we noted in *Aging* 54, p. 7, was not built under the FHA program as we stated but under the Hospital and Medical Facilities Survey & Construction (Hill-Burton) Program.

We are also informed that the American Association of University Women, 1634 I St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C., is unhappy about the statement in *Aging* 55, p. 3, that their General Director devoted her entire April Letter to activities in aging and the White House Conference. They point out that your editor saw only that part of the Letter devoted to aging but the AAUW is still active in many fields, such as education, international relations, status of women, the arts, mass media, and legislation.

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The New England Gerontological Association, the Rhode Island Advisory Committee on Aging, and the University of Rhode Island are cosponsoring the 3rd New England Conference on Aging on June 16 at the University in Kingston, R. I. Centered on the theme, "Accent on the White House Conference: Its Challenge to the New England Area", the conference will present plenary sessions, five workshops, and special activities by and for older persons themselves. Rhode Island's Governor Del Sesto and Congressman Fogarty head the list of nationally-recognized speakers. For further information: Professor Marcus Noble, Jr., Box 26, Kingston, R. I.

The San Jose State College, San Jose 14, Calif., is offering a summer workshop, *Challenges of an Aging Population*, on leadership training in community action for the aging, on June 15-19. The workshop staff includes Mrs. Helen Wilson, Extension Specialist in Aging at the University of New Hampshire and Secretary of the New England Gerontological Association, and Professors Claude N. Settles and Leo W. Tighe of the San Jose State College's Sociology and Social Work Department. For registration, etc., write to the Dean, Summer Sessions, at the College.

Springfield College (Springfield 9, Mass.) is offering a summer workshop on *Fitness for the Aging* (3 semester hours credit) on June 15-26. The workshop will cover the whole field of aging with special emphasis on the physical effects of aging and the contributions of educational and rehabilitation disciplines to the fitness of older persons. For information and applications for scholarship grants, write to Dr. Cecil W. Morgan at the College.

News of State Commissions

Georgia: At the request of the Georgia Gerontology Association, Governor Vandiver issued an Executive Order on April 2, establishing an *Interdepartmental Council on Gerontology* which will coordinate the activities of the State departments and assist in the preparations for the White House Conference. The Council, consisting of designated representatives of the State Departments of Public Health, Education, Welfare, and Labor, and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, is charged with responsibility to coordinate the State programs in aging, disseminate information, and administer Federal grants in this field. The Governor has also agreed to establish an advisory committee.

Indiana: The State Commission on the Aging and Aged and the State Board of Health have published a 41-page report on *The County Home in Indiana* as a background document for the Governor's Conference on the County Home, held April 21-22 at Purdue University. Free copies are available from the compiler and editor, Dr. Morton Leeds, Secretary, Commission on the Aging and Aged, 3516 Central Ave., Indianapolis 5.

Pennsylvania: Governor Lawrence has designated the Department of Public Welfare to act as a focus of responsibility for the White House Conference. The Governor's Committee on the Aging will be expanded from 18 to 100 members and will constitute a "White House Committee on Aging" with special responsibility for arranging county meetings prior to the State conference. The State Legislature has been requested to appropriate \$35,000 for the Department of Public Welfare's new functions.

Tennessee: On March 20, Governor Ellington signed Senate Joint Resolution No. 40, directing the Legislative Council to study the problems of the aged, aging, and chronically ill, to survey the current needs and resources, to survey the public and private programs in other States, and to recommend pertinent action at the State and local level. The Council is to report to the next session of the Legislature (1961).

Iowa: In addition to its usual array of stories of important developments in the field of aging in Iowa and the Nation, the April issue of *Adding Life to Years* (Bulletin of the Institute of Gerontology, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa) carries the first of a four-installment presentation of the complete report, "Care of the Aged", made to the Governor by the Iowa Study Committee on Care of the Aging, in January. This first installment covers the first two chapters, *Introduction* and *Scope of the Problem*, and a summary of the Committee's 23 recommendations on State actions. Write to the Institute to have your name added to the mailing list.

Michigan: Governor Williams has appointed a Temporary Preparatory Commission for the White House Conference on Aging. It consists of representatives of five State departments (Health, Public Instruction, Mental Health, Employment Security, and Social Welfare) and seven representatives of the public and the voluntary organizations. Mr. James E. Brophy, Senior Vice-President of James T. Barnes & Co., National Bank Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich., was named Chairman of the Commission.

Kentucky: The Governor's Commission on Aging has prepared a new publication, *Services for the Aging*, directed specifically to encourage and assist in the development of community-wide programs. The publication: Tells how to form a local council; describes and discusses the specific kinds of programs and services such a council may undertake; describes the services currently available from the State Departments of Health, Economic Security, Mental Health, and Education; and presents a "Check List for Home Towns". Single copies are free on request to the Commission's Executive Secretary, John McCaslin, Department of Economic Security, Frankfort, Ky.

The Way the Wind Blows

Your editor has received an avalanche of proclamations, press releases, programs, kits, etc., on State and community plans for Senior Citizen observances during the month of May. Time and space permitting, we shall try, in future issues of *Aging*, to note some of the most unusual of these programs. To the many other contributors, we extend our thanks and apologies for lack of space to recognize your fine plans and efforts. If present plans to add four more pages to each issue of *Aging* are approved, we shall be able to do much better reporting.

At the request of its Committee on Aging, the Vermont Medical Society has petitioned the Governor to form a committee on the aged, and has joined the New England Gerontological Association (see "Conferences", p. 4) and a group planning a State conference on aging. Dr. Clifford B. Harwood, Manchester Center, Vt., is Chairman of the Society's Committee on Aging.

The March issue of the *Statistical Bulletin* of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 1 Madison Ave., New York 10, N. Y., presents very revealing tables on life expectancy and chances of survival in 1956 as compared with the situation at the turn of the century. The tables, summarized below, again show the remarkable increase in life expectancy, especially in the younger age groups, and for females, who already had better rates than for males in 1900.

Chances per 1,000 of Surviving to Age 65				
Age	Event	1900		1956
		White Male		
0	Birth		392	657
18	Entry into labor force		509	683
23	Marriage		524	689
35) Maximum		575	703
40) family		604	712
45) responsibility		639	727
53	Marriage of last child		720	777
		White Female		
0	Birth		438	802
18	Entry into labor force		549	826
20	Marriage		555	827
22	Birth of first child		561	828
28	Birth of last child		584	831
50	Marriage of last child		718	869

Age	Life Expectancy (In Years)		Chances per 1,000 of surviving to age 85	
	1900	1956	1900	1956
	White Male			
65	11.5	12.9	134	190
70	9.0	10.3	171	234
75	6.8	7.9	246	316
80	5.1	6.0	428	493
White Female				
65	12.2	15.5	163	301
70	9.6	12.2	203	340
75	7.3	9.2	282	410
80	5.5	6.6	466	564

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The Atlanta (Ga.) Transit System has published a 4-page, 2-color leaflet, *Transportation Map of Atlanta Showing How to Get to the Golden Age Club*, which features a map of transportation routes covering both the Atlanta Transit and the Metropolitan Transit lines centered on the location of the Golden Age Club. Text at the side of the map describes the club and its programs. The back of the leaflet gives details on transportation routes, costs, transfer rights, etc.

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In preparation for its participation in the White House Conference, the Tucson Community Council, with the technical and professional assistance of faculty members of the University of Arizona and staff members of the Veterans Hospital, is conducting a fact-finding survey of some 1,500 local residents 65 and over. The survey, a project of the Council's Steering Committee on the Aged, will produce data on income, transportation, retirement problems, employment, cost of medical care, etc., as a basis for determining needs and designing programs.

Measures to provide special tax treatment for older persons have taken many forms. Special exemptions and/or deductions for older persons already exist in income tax provisions at both the Federal and State level. Currently, consideration is being given to exemptions in connection with property taxes, especially on homes owned and occupied by elderly persons. In Oregon, a bill has been introduced which would exclude the first \$5,000 of valuation where the head of the household is 65 or over and the total family income is less than \$2,500 a year. In Kansas, a bill would exempt from taxes homes of persons 65 and over up to \$10,000 valuation. Other approaches and experience under existing tax legislation will be reported in future issues of *Aging*. Readers in State or local government areas which now have or are considering such tax provisions are invited to send such information to the Editor of *Aging*.

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The League of New Hampshire Arts and Crafts, 205 N. Main St., Concord, N. H., has been active for many years in the development and adaptation of arts and crafts to the needs, interests, and enjoyments of older persons. Its annual Craftsmen's Fair has featured special displays of the work of its older members and special demonstrations to catch the interest of older visitors. Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Spaulding Charitable Trusts of Manchester, the League is now intensifying and expanding this phase of its activities on a thoroughly statewide basis. Richard Moll has been designated headquarters coordinator for the project and will have the cooperation of the Extension Specialist in Gerontology at the University of New Hampshire, Miss Helen Wilson, and the Gerontology Committee of the State Social Welfare Council. Misses Alma Hamilton and Libby Hoffman will be full-time field workers to establish local volunteer groups and to work with homes, hospitals, rest and nursing homes, individuals, and community groups.

The 1959 Annual Craftsmen's Fair has been set for August 4-8 in the Belknap Recreation Area.

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Dayton's Senior Citizens' Center (*Aging* 45, p. 3), located at 210 S. Main St., Dayton 2, Ohio, has taken advantage of an unusual opportunity to use radio programs to bring its message to the community and to the senior citizens themselves. Each Tuesday, a local radio station's public service program, *Man-on-the-Street*, sponsored by the Dayton Coca Cola Bottling Co., is devoted to the Center with presentations by the staff or by the members themselves. The Center reports that a review of membership applications discloses that a substantial proportion of its members first discovered the Center through these broadcasts.

During April, Governor Rockefeller signed an act amending the New York State insurance laws to empower Blue Cross (nonprofit hospitalization insurance carrier) to provide benefits in the patient's home such as nursing service, necessary appliances, drugs, medicines, supplies and any other services which would have been available in the hospital (but not physician's service). It is expected that the application of this provision will permit home care at less cost than hospitalization, will free hospital beds by shortening hospital stays, and will hasten recovery through the benefits of home environment.

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On the occasion of the April 2 observance of Italy's first National Old People's Day, Pope John XXIII, in a letter of congratulation to the sponsors, encouraged concern with the problems of the elderly. The letter, sent through the Vatican Secretary of State, said that the Pope trusted that the observance would reawaken public opinion and the greatest possible attention and understanding as "a contribution to social security and to the realizing of those high hopes for ordered progress which society will never be able to achieve until it can assure conditions of a quiet, serene and dignified life to this large category of citizens".

Publications and Visual Aids

Report of the (California) Senate Interim Committee on Housing and Recreational Needs of the Elderly, 1959. 94 pages. Free copies on request to Senator Hugh M. Burns, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif. A well-developed and presented report on the aging in California with special analysis of their housing and recreational needs. Since the report was presented to the California Senate, the life of the Committee has been extended to continue its studies and make recommendations and the Chairman, Sen. Burns, has introduced a bill and a constitutional amendment dealing with a housing program for elderly persons with low incomes.

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Henry Street Settlement Old Age Program: The Good Companions—Annual Report. Maria Kron. Henry Street Settlement, 265 Henry St., New York 2, N. Y. 6 pages. 20¢, in cash or stamps, to cover mailing expenses. A short, but exceptionally warm and wise report on the program developed at this famous "settlement house" which serves a special east-side New York mixed population of long-time immigrant residents and the newer residents of the public housing projects. An interesting feature of the program is the balancing of activities exclusively for the "good companions" with those in which they participate with all age groups.

The Division on Aging of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, 251 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., has published the first four in a projected series of eight detailed manuals for the operation of homes for the aged. Formulated by a committee of experts under the leadership of a management consultant, the manuals, originally intended for the Federation's 54 homes, are equally applicable as procedural guides to any operator of a home for the aged. Under the series title, *Manual of Forms and Procedures for Use by Homes for the Aged*, the four manuals, for sale at 50¢ each are: *Medical and Nursing Services* (5 pages plus 10 forms); *Guide on Personnel Policies and Practices* (5 pages plus 4 forms and 5 appendices); *Dietary Service* (3 pages plus 6 forms and 2 appendices); and *Non-Capital Financial Recordkeeping* (7 pages plus 11 forms and 4 appendices). The Federation also has available at the same price, 50¢, a 21-page detailed *Menu-Maker for Homes for the Aged*, a most ingenious and flexible guide prepared by a dietitian with many years of experience and tested in a variety of small and middle-sized homes.

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Those Later Years by Frances Avery Faunce. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell, 1959. 177 pages. \$3.50. A fictional account of how three women prepared themselves psychologically for living in a home for the aged which displays deep understanding and insight into the personal needs and adjustments of older people. Since much of the action takes place in a home, the book can be read usefully by staff and residents of such institutions as well as by older women concerned about their future living arrangements.

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Margaret Whyte, Executive Secretary of the Washington Governor's Council on Aging, P. O. Box 1162, Olympia, Wash., has agreed to send interested readers of *Aging* a set of the materials the Council prepared to stimulate and assist the communities throughout the State for observance of Senior Citizens' Month during May. Please include with your request a self-addressed, stamped envelope at least 4" by 9½" in size.

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The United Steelworkers of America has begun publication of a printed newsbulletin, *The Senior Steelworker* (No. 1, March 1959), to provide up-to-date information to the local unions. It has also published *Local Union Services Available to Retirees and Older Workers*, a report on last year's survey of what the union's locals were doing in this field. Free copies are available to readers of *Aging* by sending a post card request to Committee on Retired Workers, United Steelworkers of America, 1001 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Costs of Operating Nursing Homes and Related Facilities—An Annotated Bibliography. Division of Hospital & Medical Facilities, Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C. 18 pages. Free. A preliminary (January) summary of 25 reports and analyses of costs in individual and groups of institutions.

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Housing the Elderly: A Review of Significant Developments. Office of the Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Washington 25, D. C. 38 pages plus illustrations and tables. Free; write to Mr. E. Everett Ashley at above address. A report to the National Advisory Committee on Housing for the Elderly, covering a general discussion of the elderly and their housing, developments in this field, and progress in the programs of the Federal Housing and Public Housing Administrations since the passage of the Housing Amendments of 1956.

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The April issue of *Progress in Health Services*, monthly publication (free on request) of the Health Information Foundation, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y., is devoted to the "Use of Health Services by the Aged". This article, a companion piece to "Voluntary Health Insurance Among the Aged" in the January issue (*Aging* 53, p. 6), presents the preliminary findings of an interview-in-depth study of some 1,700 persons 65 and over, conducted by the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center in cooperation with the Health Information Foundation. Data on services used and on source of funds for payment of doctor bills are presented.

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An Employment Resource Directory for Greater Lansing's Older Worker. The Project on Aging, Community Services Council, 615 N. Capitol, Lansing, Mich. Free; write to Project on Aging Coordinator James McMichael. Lists and describes 15 referral agencies and their fees, requirements, specializations, etc.

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All the Years. Filmstrip (35 mm) with narration (10" record, 33⅓ rpm) produced and distributed by Leo Seltzer Associates, Inc., 368 E. 69th St., New York 21, N. Y. \$9. This filmstrip (black and white, 72 frames, timed for 15 minutes) deals with the creative contribution a senior citizen day center makes in the lives of older people. It is presented in documentary style and was photographed entirely at, and in consultation with, the well-known William Hodson Community Center which, in cooperation with the New York City Department of Welfare, has been in operation for more than 15 years. Narration, with audible "bleeps" for projector operator, was recorded by Aline MacMahon.

Directory of Official State Agencies on Aging, as of May 1, 1959. Special Staff on Aging, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C. Free. A revision of the Directory as of November 1, 1958; includes indication of State official or agency designated by Governor to carry responsibility for State preparations for the White House Conference on Aging.

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The second quarter of 1958 issue of *The Journal of Social Issues* is devoted to a series of five articles reporting and analyzing the latest findings of the continuing Cornell University Study of Occupational Retirement. The Study, now partially supported by a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, started in 1952 with detailed interviews of 4,032 employees, 64 years of age, working in a national sample of 259 public agencies and private companies. These persons have been periodically resurveyed (1954, 1956, 1957); the articles in this issue of the *Journal* report on the last survey and present comparisons with the findings in the previous surveys for the same persons. The study is one of the exceedingly few that studies the development of the problems, adjustments, etc., of retirement by a "longitudinal" approach, where the same individuals are studied over a period of time rather than studying individuals of different ages all at one point of time. The *Journal* is published quarterly by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. \$4 a year, \$1.25 a copy.

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Medical Care in Public Welfare. American Public Welfare Association, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago 37, Ill. 44 pages. \$1. Detailed summary report on a special institute held last July under a grant from the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund to study this vital aspect of public welfare activity. Presents special chapters on concepts of medical care, program planning, administration, payment methods, and research and studies, plus a general summary and bibliography.

Food & Drug Administration Materials

Single sample copies of the following publications are available free from the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C. (copies of the first publication listed are also for sale at 20¢ by the Govt. Print. Off., Washington 25, D. C.):
Read the Label on Foods, Drugs, Devices, Cosmetics. Rev. 1957. FDA M.P. No. 3.
Food and Drug Administration—What It Is, and Does. Rev. May 1958.
Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law Quiz: Protect Yourself—Be an Informed Consumer.
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VA Prospectus: Research in Aging. Veterans Administration. A technical report on the papers and discussion at last year's special meeting of the VA's Advisory Committee on Problems of Aging (with invited guest participants) which considered all of the aspects of a multi-level program in relation to the fact that continuation of present admission rates will soon fill all VA hospital beds with aged patients. Papers covered aging of molecules, cells, organs, individuals, and groups, and the implications of findings. For sale by Govt. Print. Off., Washington 25, D. C., at \$1.50. The Research-in-Aging Division of the Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C., has a very limited supply of free copies for distribution to research organizations and research libraries which make requests on their letterheads.

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